

## **Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (April-June 2009)**

### **I. Education/Schools/Youth**

Now on PBS N 05/03/09 10:30am, 30 min

How is Secretary of Education Arne Duncan going to spend \$100 billion in stimulus money - almost twice the education budget -- to fix our nation's schools? During his seven years running Chicago's public schools, Duncan went head to head with the teacher's union and skeptical parents by closing down low-performing schools, getting rid of all the teachers, principals, even the janitors, and reopening them with new staffs as "turnaround schools." It's a drastic step, but the results have been promising. NOW travels to Chicago to investigate the collateral damage of a top-to-bottom school makeover, and to get a glimpse of what the future of education might look like for the rest of the country. "We have to be willing to experience a little bit of pain and discomfort, but our children desperately need it and deserve it," Secretary Duncan tells NOW. "Just as we have to do it, unions have to change, principals have to change, teachers have to change, parents have to step up... business as usual is not going to get us there." Do we need to gut our public schools in order to save them?

Maria Hinajosa: One-On-One L 06/14/09 11am

Chicano writer and activist Luis Rodriguez turned away from an early life of crime to become an anti-gang activist. He wrote the best-seller *Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.* as a cautionary tale for his then 15-year-old son Ramiro, who had joined a gang. He co-founded Youth Struggling for Survival, which works with gang and non-gang youth. He opened Tia Chucha Cafe, a bookstore, art gallery and performance space in Sylmar, CA, in order to channel the community's energy into positive pursuits.

### **II. Housing/Urban Development**

Save Our Land, Save Our Towns 04/26/09 10pm, 60 min

Although urban sprawl seems inevitable to some, the one-hour program, "Save Our Land, Save Our Towns" offers constructive suggestions on how people can save their cities, towns and countryside from a future filled with strip malls and subdivisions. Pulitzer Prize winner and small-town newsman Tom Hylton explores the growing concern about overdevelopment as well as its effect on traffic congestion, open space and inner cities among ordinary citizens.

Miller Center National Debates N 04/05/09 12pm, 60 min

"Infrastructure" -- One-third of the nation's roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and the Federal Highway Administration recently estimated that one out of every four bridges is either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. The American Society of Civil Engineers says it will take an investment of \$1.6 trillion over the next five years-double the current outlay-to bring the infrastructure to acceptable levels. How to pay for these needed fixes is the heart of this debate. Taking place at the 2009 spring meeting of the National Governors Association, the debate will be moderated by former "Newshour" anchor Robin MacNeil. The audience will be made up of all the governors in the US. The

debaters are former White House cabinet secretaries, private investment house executives who support privatization and a former director of the GAO.

### **III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice**

To the Contrary With Bonnie Erbe N 06/21/09 7:30am, 30 min

“Hate Crimes” -- Domestic terrorism is on the rise after three hate-based extremists have carried out violent attacks, most recently this week's Holocaust Museum shooting.

Now on PBS N 04/26/2009 4:30am, 30 min

A terrible statistic: one in six women will be a victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. But an even more shocking reality: A backlog in processing rape kits - crucial evidence in arresting violent predators - is delaying and sometimes denying justice for tens of thousands of American women. NOW travels to Los Angeles County to investigate why it has the largest known rape kit backlog in the country -- over 12,000 kits are sitting untested in police storage facilities. An internal audit found that more than 50 of these cases have exceeded the 10-year statute of limitations on rape. "The evidence that we're talking about represents human lives," Los Angeles Controller Laura Chick tells NOW. "Those are lives stacked up on the shelves waiting for justice." NOW talks with courageous rape survivors and law enforcement experts for insight and answers in this disturbing but important report. Are these women being victimized twice?

Frontline N 04/29/09 2:30pm, 60 min

“The Released” -- This year, hundreds of thousands of prisoners with serious mental illnesses will be released into communities across America, the largest exodus in the nation's history. Typically, mentally ill offenders leave prison with a bus ticket, \$75 and two weeks worth of medication. Within 18 months, nearly two-thirds are re-arrested. In this follow up to the film "The New Asylums," FRONTLINE examines what happens to the mentally ill when they leave prison and why they return at such alarming rates. The stories of the released -- along with interviews with parole officers, social workers, and psychiatrists -- provide a rare look at the lives of the mentally ill as they struggle to stay out of prison and reintegrate into society.

### **IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups**

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One L 04/25/09 11am, 30 min

Helen Zia is a journalist and civil rights activist focused on the rights of women, the LGBT community and Asian Americans. She was involved in the fight to have the murder of Vincent Chin recognized as a hate crime, and in the effort to allow Asian American actors to audition for Asian roles in Miss Saigon. In 2008 she carried the Olympic torch during its relay in San Francisco. Her book Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People has been quoted by President Bill Clinton. In this conversation with María Hinojosa, Zia talks about being caught between two worlds, finding her voice, and what it means to be American.

Becoming American: Personal Journeys N 05/31/09 1pm, 30 min

“Gish Jen” - Second generation Chinese American Gish Jen grew up in Scarsdale and graduated from Harvard University with a degree in English. She has become a leading literary voice about the

Chinese American experience and is known for her humorous yet incisive short stories and novels about Chinese American life, including the acclaimed novels *Typical American* (1991) and *Mona in the Promised Land* (1996). A collection of her short stories, *Who's Irish?*, was published in 1999. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times* and a variety of anthologies. SAMUEL TING - Born in Michigan, but reared in China, Samuel Ting returned to America from Taiwan in 1956 to study engineering, and then physics, at the University of Michigan. Despite limited facility with the English language, within six years he had completed a B.S. in engineering physics and engineering mathematics as well as a Master's and Ph.D. At the young age of 40, he shared the 1976 Nobel Prize in Physics with Burton Richter. Ting currently heads an international collaboration involving over 500 physicists from about 33 universities and institutions.

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe 05/10/09 7:30am, 30 min

Latifa Lyles on her historic run for President of the National Organization for Women and her plans for attracting more women of color to the organization.

## **V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty**

Now on PBS N 05/31/09 10:30am, 30 min

What will jobs of the future look like? Many studying that question are seeing green - green jobs. And with President Obama promising to create 5 million "green-collar" jobs over the next 10 years, some are predicting these new career paths in energy efficiency and clean power will transform the American economy.

Moneytrack N 05/17/09 8am, 30 min

"Me, Inc." -- Is real job security just a thing of the past? Pam and Jack explore the value of the benefits offered at the workplace, especially the pros and cons of 401k plans. Working for "Me, Inc." is a way to protect oneself in light of eroding benefits. The Scam Alert involves a manager who stole money from her employees' 401k plans.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Frontline N 04/04/09 3pm, 90 min

"Heat" -- For years, big business -- from oil and coal companies to electric utilities to car manufacturers -- have resisted change to environmental policy and stifled the debate over climate change in America and around the globe. Now, facing rising pressure from governments, green groups and investors alike, big business is reshaping its approach to the environment, fundamentally transforming the politics of the debate. Producer Martin Smith travels the globe to size up the climate problem firsthand and to test what big business is really doing to solve one of the most urgent issues of our time.

Now on PBS N 04/19/09 9:30am, 60 min

"On Thin Ice" -- Seventy-five percent of the world's fresh water is stored in glaciers, but scientists predict climate change will cause some of the world's largest glaciers to completely melt by 2030. What effect will this have on our daily lives, especially our water and food supply? With global

warming falling low on a national list of American concerns, it's time to take a deeper look at what could be a global calamity in the making. In a special one-hour NOW on PBS, David Brancaccio and environmentalist Conrad Anker -- one of the world's leading high altitude climbers - adventure to the Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayan Mountains, the source of the Ganges River, to witness the great melt and its dire consequences first-hand. The two also visit Montana's Glacier National Park to see the striking effects of global warming closer to home and learn how melting glaciers across the world can have a direct impact on food prices in the U.S. Along the way, Brancaccio and Anker talk to both scientists and swamis, bathe in the River Ganges, view a water shortage calamity in India, and see with their own eyes and cameras the tangible costs of climate change. "We can't take climate change and put it on the back burner," warns Anker. "If we don't address climate change, we won't be around as humans."

Race for Open Space N 04/04/09 1pm, 60 min

America is in a race that will shape the future - a race between development and open space preservation. With the environmental clock ticking fast, many government officials, environmentalists and developers are looking at New Jersey to see what the future may hold. "The Race For Open Space," narrated by ABC News' Charles Gibson, examines the complex issues surrounding the development boom and how the phenomenon is tied with the American dream. Archival footage dramatically illustrates how the landscape has evolved over the past century. The program also documents the need for positive change by enacting solutions that utilize "smart growth" and open space preservation to manage development.

## **VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services**

Killer Stress: A National Geographic Special N 04/17/09 2:30pm, 60 min

Stress. It's always been there to save our lives. It's what made us run from predators and enabled us to take down prey. But today, humans are turning on that same stress response to deal with 30-year mortgages, difficult bosses, teenagers and traffic jams. Some of us are wallowing in corrosive hormones; for the first time, scientists can reveal just how measurable and dangerous that exposure can be. MacArthur "Genius Grant" recipient and Stanford University neurobiologist Robert Sapolsky and National Geographic search for answers to why stress seems to be killing us.

Now on PBS N 05/10/09 10:30am, 30 min

How do we fight both the swine flu pandemic and our fear of it? NOW's David Brancaccio sits down with one of the most prominent figures in world health to find out. Dr. Larry Brilliant is an epidemiologist, former chief philanthropist at Google.org, and was a central figure in the World Health Organization's successful small pox eradication program. The two discuss how high tech tools are making it easier for scientists to detect global outbreaks, the critical importance of early detection and early response, and how the current pandemic has yet to show its real hand. "Anyone who tells you that they know that this is a mild pandemic, and the WHO has overreacted, they don't know. Anyone who tells you that the WHO and CDC have underestimated it, they don't know," Brilliant tells NOW. "We're all going to find out at the same time...we're all in it together." The show also features vital insight from Dr. Nathan Wolfe, a Stanford University epidemiologist who specializes in hunting viruses to their source.

## **VIII. Economy/Business**

Bill Moyers Journal N 04/05/09 11am, 60 min

The financial industry brought the economy to its knees, but how did they get away with it? With the nation wondering how to hold the bankers accountable, Bill Moyers sits down with Bill Black, the former senior regulator who cracked down on banks during the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s. Black offers his analysis of what went wrong and his critique of the bailout. And, Bill Moyers talks with alternative media heavyweights Glenn Greenwald and Amy Goodman about what can and can't be addressed in big corporate media.

Frontline N 05/20/09 2:30pm, 60 min

"Inside the Meltdown" -- FRONTLINE investigates the causes of the worst economic crisis in 70 years and how the government responded. The film chronicles the inside stories of the Bear Stearns deal, Lehman Brothers collapse, the propping up of insurance giant AIG and the \$700 billion bailout. "Inside the Meltdown" examines what Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke didn't see, couldn't stop and haven't been able to fix.

## **IX. Family/Morality/Religion**

Gefilte Fish Chronicles N 04/05/09 10:30pm, 60 min

With 86-year-old twin sisters Peppy Barer and Rosie Groman narrating, THE Gefilte Fish Chronicles tells the story of how a family embraces the Passover holiday: not only to celebrate a religious event, but to stay spiritually and physically connected through traditional meal preparations. Although this is a tale about one family, it crosses cultural and religious lines, to remind us of how many families develop rituals as they celebrate holidays. A celebration of spring as well as Jewish freedom, Passover brings the whole Dubroff family together. The holiday begins with the "Seder," a meal where the story of the Jewish exodus from Egypt, a journey out of slavery, is recounted in prose, song, and prayer. The film opens six weeks before Passover with the making of a perfect horseradish, and concludes with sunny goodbyes following a matzoh brie breakfast the morning after the Seder. Family recipes that appear on screen during closing credits add an extra special touch to the program. THE GEFILTE FISH CHRONICLES is filled with joy and love, family films and photographs.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly N 04/05/09 7am, 30 min

Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on a special State Department delegation visit to India commemorating Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historic pilgrimage there 50 years ago to pay homage to Mohandas Gandhi; Kim Lawton looks at the many ways Hispanic Americans make Holy Week come alive; Dr. Michael Walzer discusses how Passover's Exodus story has been an inspiration for social change through the ages.